

MINUTES
TOWN OF GROTON
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2011 - 5:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL ANNEX, COMMUNITY ROOM 3

I. ROLL CALL

Commission: Rafferty, Bogue, Goulet, Munn
Staff: Jones

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF August 1, 2011

MOTION: To approve the minutes of August 1, 2011.

Motion by Goulet, seconded by Bogue, so voted unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None.

IV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Spicer Property Update

Staff reported that the Town Manager has had discussions with the Spicer family regarding the purchase of the property and has briefed the Town Council on the progress. The DEEP has granted an extension to April 2012 by which time the Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition grant must be used to purchase the property. Staff has submitted a grant application to the Fish and Wildlife Service for a grant of \$75,000 toward the acquisition. During the preparation of the application the Audubon Connecticut Society and the Connecticut Ornithological Society committed funding toward the purchase.

2. Mystic Education Center Trail Update

Staff reported that the DEEP has notified the Town Manager that the first phase of the Trail System has been conditionally approved. The Town will coordinate the construction with Park supervisor Jon Lincoln.

3. Adoption of 2012 Meeting Schedule

MOTION: To adopt the 2012 meeting schedule as presented.

Motion by Goulet, seconded by Bogue, so voted unanimously.

V. REPORT OF CHAIRMAN

Rafferty noted that the Council is considering a code of ethics for commissions and town staff.

Rafferty reported that work has begun at the Airport to create a salt marsh as part of a mitigation plan for runway safety improvements. He asked staff to obtain a copy of the plan.

Munn asked the Commission to schedule a fall clean up on Industrial Drive and Depot Road. Bogue and Munn will meet at 9:00 on November 12 at the Poquonnock River Parklet on Depot Road.

VI. REPORT OF STAFF - None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Gail Munn, Secretary
Conservation Commission

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